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→ 185 funding recipients from Singapore (2021)
← 51 funding recipients from Germany (2021)

Information Point: [Singapore](#)

Lectureship: National University of Singapore

Current trends in academic cooperation

Singapore has an outstanding education system with six excellent universities. There are a further five polytechnics with around 74,000 students. Singapore's research and development priorities are set out in 'Research Innovation Enterprise' plans (RIE). RIE2025, issued by the National Research Foundation (NRF), sets the priorities for the five years from 2021. These are: Manufacturing, Trade and Connectivity; Human Health and Potential; Urban Solutions and Sustainability; Smart Nation and Digital Economy.

Potential cooperation partners should be aware of the fact that a university's place in international rankings is very important in Singapore. The image of German higher education institutions has been positively influenced by many cooperation and exchange programmes. The large number of German academics and researchers working at Singaporean universities and research institutions has also had a positive impact.

In the 2020/21 winter semester, there were 312 Singaporean international students at German higher education institutions. According to the German Rectors' Conference, as of May 2022 there were six cooperation partnerships between Germany and Singapore.

DAAD Activities

Until July 2019, the DAAD was represented by an Information Centre in Singapore. This was converted into a standard lectureship at the National University of Singapore (NUS). The DAAD's Jakarta regional office took on responsibility for the DAAD's work in Singapore in autumn 2019. There is still a DAAD-IP (Information Point) on the premises of the Goethe-Institut in Singapore. The IP provides advice to those interested in opportunities to study in Germany.

Singapore is one of the most attractive destinations in South East Asia for German students. One reason for this is that the city state has some of the best universities in Asia with partnerships around the world. However, the

number of German funding recipients fell dramatically due to the Covid-19 pandemic and associated restrictions on entering the country. Compared to last year, there has been a slight increase in the number of funded students and researchers from Singapore.

In terms of individual funding, ten German students received funding through the 'Internationalisation of teacher training at German higher education institutions'

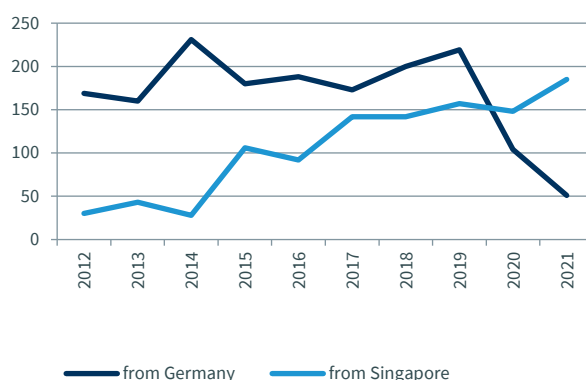
programme in 2021. On the Singaporean side the focus is primarily on higher education summer scholarships. In terms of project funding, the DAAD uses funding from the Federal Foreign Office to support German higher education institutions that successfully offer courses abroad. One project is funded with Singaporean partners:

- Technical University of Munich (TUM) 'TUM Asia BSc 2022' (engineering - other)

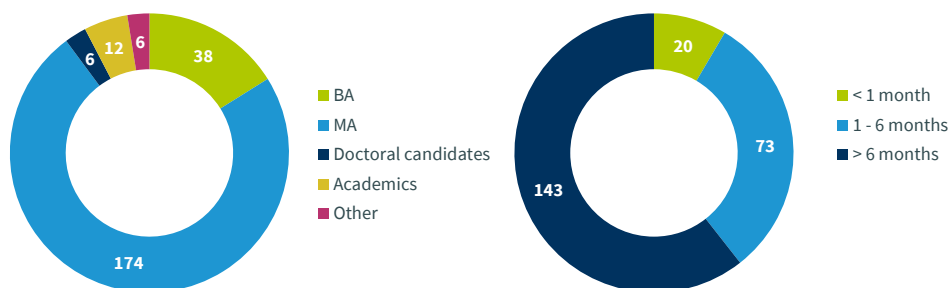
Selected funding programmes by number of DAAD funding recipients

Individual funding	Singapore	Germany
Higher education summer and winter language course scholarships	4	-
Internationalisation of teacher training at German higher education institutions	-	10
Project funding	Singapore	Germany
Scholarships for foreign students on German study programmes abroad or at binational German-foreign higher education institutions in the country	145	-
International Study and Training Partnerships	-	7

DAAD funding Singapore 2012-2021 (not including EU mobility programmes)



Distribution of DAAD funding recipients 2021 (not including EU mobility programmes)



Subject distribution 2021 (not including EU mobility programmes)

